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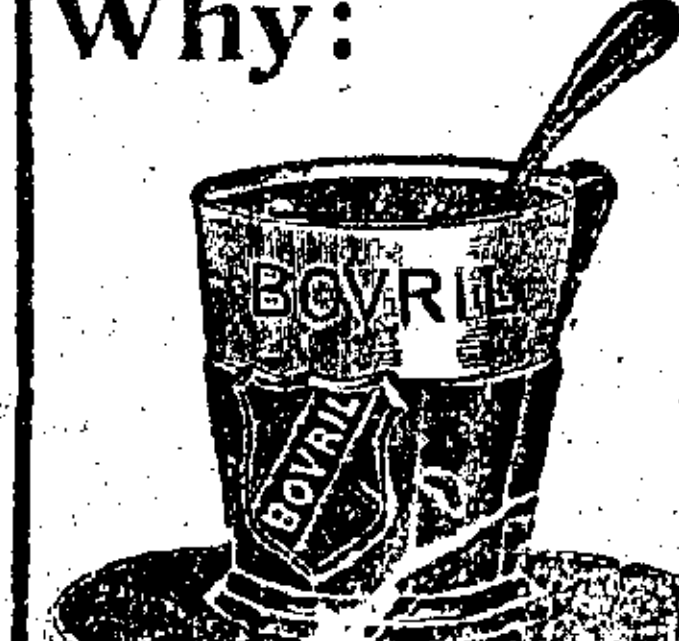
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receiving the report of the Directors, to-
gether with statements of account for the
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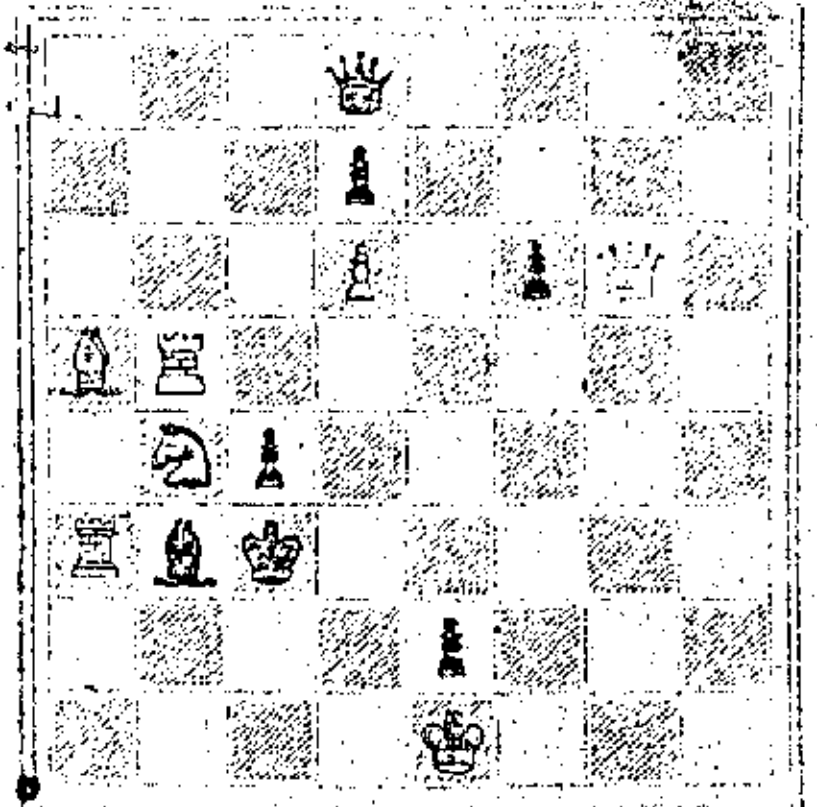
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Problem No. 34.

Black (7 Pieces).



White (7 Pieces).

White to play and mate in three moves.

Solution to Problem No. 33 (by J. Van
Dijk): B-R4.

Correct solutions from C.R.T. and B.B.

Die Bohemia notes that the inquiry of
Philidor as a musical composer has been re-
vived in Prague by the holding of a "Gluck-
Cyclos." Not only was Philidor one of
Gluck's intimate friends, but he was also
Gluck's predecessor in the path of operatic
reform. His first tragic opera was performed
at the Opera Francaise in 1766. In spite of
the opposition of the singers and players
of the day, and even of the orchestra, it was
repeated eight successive times, always
with increasing acceptance; and not only
did it serve as a model for a new musical
movement in France, but export judges
saw that its style was imitated by Gluck.
One critic speaks of Philidor's high original-
ity; another says that in the power of
harmonious expression he stands side by
side with Gluck; both of these agree
in testifying to Philidor's inventive faculty;
a third points to his musical style
as Weber's model. In Der Freischutz, and
Boieldieu, Cherubini, and Rossini all de-
clare that not a single fault in harmony is to
be found in the whole range of Philidor's
musical compositions. This is indeed, a
rare merit; and it has secured for much of

Philidor's music the status of models to
be used in the course of study at the famous
Conservatoire. Even at the present day,
Philidor's operas have not lost their charm;
in 1841, one of them was performed in Paris
for the 200th time; and in the sixties several
of them still remained on the repertory of
the Opera Comique. Nevertheless, the
fame of Philidor the chess-master, by far
surpasses the renown of Philidor the musical
composer. So long as he lived, he
remained the undisputed king of the chess-
board; and for the space of ten years after
his death his strength as a player ranked in
the universally acknowledged opinion of
chess-players as an unattainable ideal.

Pillsbury (American champion) contin-
ues a prolonged visit to England early
next year, and a match with Lasker may
possibly be arranged then.

The German Chess Association have
arranged for a meeting at Hanover next
year, with a masters' tournament on a large
scale. Other masters' tournaments will take
place at Monte Carlo and Berlin.

The following pretty game was played
recently by a well-known problemist at St.
Petersburg. The score and notes are taken
from *La Strategie*:

QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

White-Maximov. Black-S. Andreyev.
1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 P-QB4 P-K3
3 Kt-QB3 Kt-KB3
4 Kt-B3 P-QB3
5 B-Kt5 B-K2
6 P-K3 Kt-Q2
7 P-Q3 P-K3
8 P-P Castles
9 B-Q3 P-KR3 (a)
10 P-KR4 P-B
11 P-P Kt-Ksq (b)
12 K-Q2 (c) B-P (d)
13 Kt-B Q-Kt
14 R-R5 Q-B3

White mates in five.

(a) Both here and next move he should
have played Kt-Ksq or Kt-Q4, fol-
lowed by P-KB4.

(b) The same reply would follow if Black
played Kt-Q4.

(c) Threatening 13 R-R5.

(d) H.12...P-B3 [...12 P-KB4
would be answered by 13 P-Kt6]; 13
R-R5 ch. K-R5; 14 Q-Rsq ch. K-Kt
sq; 15 Q-R6, P-KB4; 16 Q-B
Kt-Rsq; 17 R-Rsq mate.

The following game was played in the re-
cent tournament for the championship of

New South Wales; Mr A. E. N. Wallace
is now the ex-champion:-

White (A. E. N. Wallace). Black (J. A. Pitzerker).
1 P-K4 P-K4
2 Kt-KB3 Kt-QB3
3 B-Kt5 Kt-KB3
4 P-Q3 B-B4
5 Castles P-Q3
6 P-QR3 (a) B-Kt5
7 B-Kt5 (b) P-KR3 (c)
8 B-R4 P-K4
9 B-Kt3 P-R4
10 P-R3 P-R5
11 B-R2 B-R6
12 Q-Bsq B-Kt
13 P-B Q-Q2
14 K-Kt2 Castles Q-R
15 B-Kt P-B
16 R-Rsq Q-R-Kt sq
17 Kt-Q2 P-K5
18 R-P Q-Rch
19 P-Kt Q-Pch
20 Kt-Bsq Q-Kt7 ch
21 K-K2 Q-Pch
22 K-Qsq B-Kt7
23 P-B3 B-K6
24 R-Kt sq R-Bch
25 R-Rch Q-Rch
26 K-R2 Q-Kt7
27 Q-Ksq B-B5
28 R-Qsq P-R6
29 Q-Rsq B-Kt
30 Q-Q2 P-Q
31 R-K-Kt sq B-B5
32 R-P R-R7

And Mr Pitzerker resigned.
(a) 6 P-B3 is the correct move.
(b) Ignoring the principle that it is a
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(c) Mr Wallace now seizes the attack and
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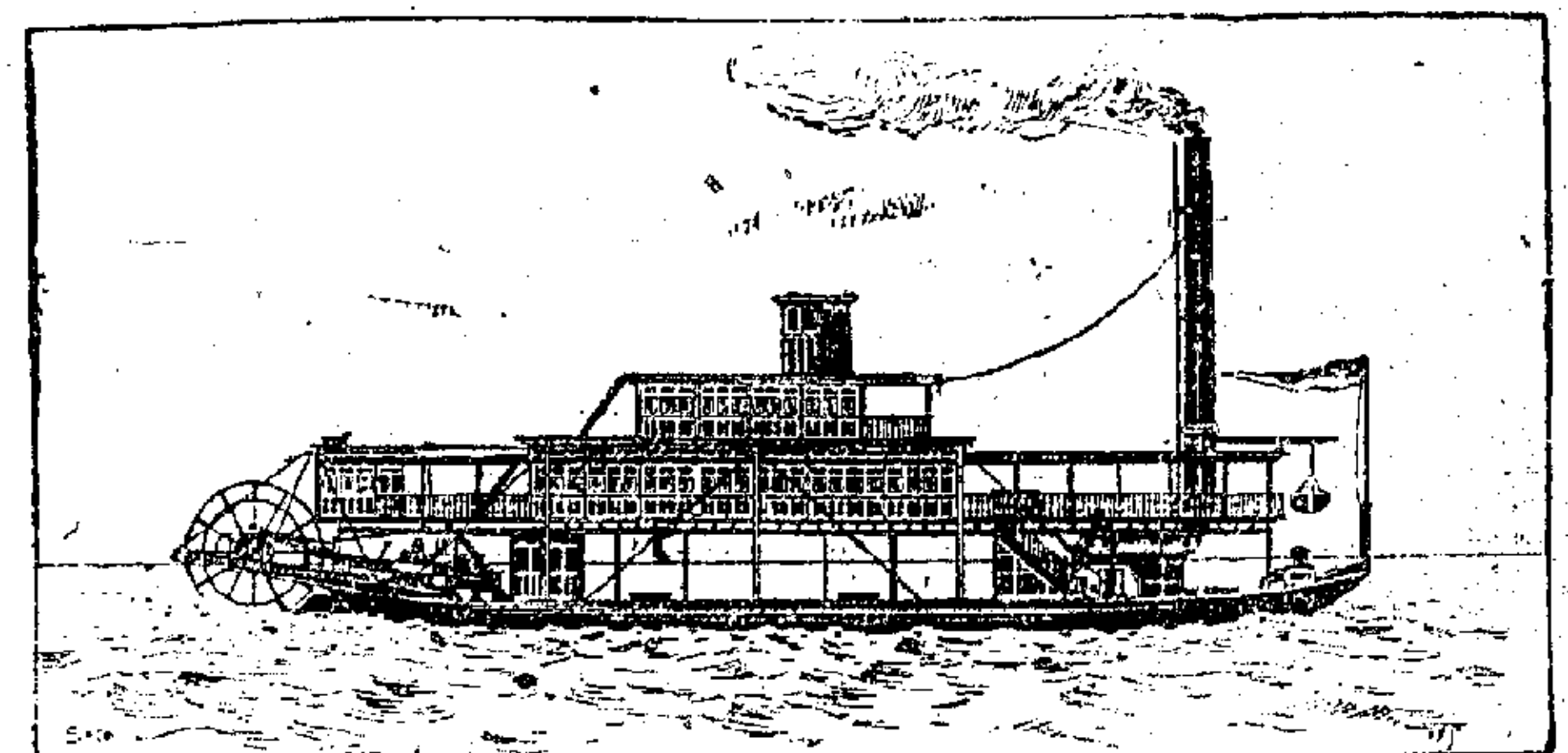
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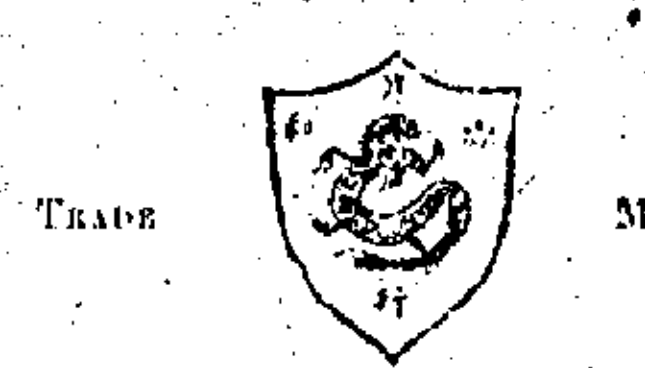
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Noon. Meeting of Jockey Club, City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, October 3:—
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THURSDAY, October 4:—
Noon. Meetings of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at the Society's Head Office.
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FRIDAY, October 5:—
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BIRTH.
On the 18th September, at Foochow, China, the Wife of H. SHILLEY BRAND, of a Son.

MARRIAGE.
On the 21st September, at the British Episcopal Church, Foochow, by the Rev. Lloyd Lloyd, WILLIAM HENRY WATKINS, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, son of the late Alexander Wallace, Esquire, M.D., of Colchester, to LAURA, eldest daughter of Theodore Moorhead, Esquire, of the Imperial Maritime Customs at Foochow.

DEATHS.
On the 22nd September, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Captain C. H. McCLELLAN, Pilot, aged 66 years.
On the 22nd September, at 51, Broadway, Shanghai, KELLY SCOTT, aged five years.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1901.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Two items in the Notes proposed of our Canton Correspondent deserve more than a passing notice. The proposal to abolish purchases in the government offices and to curb the runners, that class of men that does all the dirty work of the officials, although likely to prove abortive, is a sign that ideas of right and a feeling after a more satisfactory state of things are abroad. Not much can be expected from any reforms that do not start at the fountain head. As long as no adequate salaries are paid to the mandarins, it matters but little how they have come to office either by purchase or appointment, for in both cases there are heavy arrears that have to be made good during the term of office, and from that flows all the abuses which exist throughout the empire of China. Runners have well-earned their notorious reputation, but they are not wholly to blame, for they are closely allied with the mandarin, and it would be just as sensible to try to differentiate between a tiger and the claws by which he seizes his victim as between a mandarin and his underlings. The whole system of the Chinese Government, although ideally so perfect, is rotten in practice. In a Chinese Yamen, counting from two to three hundred underlings, only about twenty get regular allowances. How do the others manage to keep body and soul together? The answer is a simple one: 'By preying upon the victims that come within the precincts of the yamen. Not infrequently, if there are not sufficient cases on hand, they trump up charges and receive money not to proceed. One asks, therefore, what is the good of the Viceroy or any other body denouncing yamen runners until they have devised a means of paying these men sufficient and regular wages to meet the claims of their station in life?

The New Chinese Duties.
The *N. C. Daily News* publishes the following interesting notes:—Sir James Lytle Mackay, K.C.I.E., whom we are to have in our midst shortly, is well known in India, having been a partner in the firm of Macdonald, MacKenzie, and Co., Calcutta. As his name implies, he is a Scotchman, born at Arbroath, in Forfarshire, in 1822. He has been a member of the Legislative Council of the Viceroy of India, and President of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce, and he is a member of the Council of India. At present he resides in London, where he is a director of the British India Steam Navigation Company. Mr. Henry Cockburn, C.B., who is now at home, would have wished that as he can ill be spared from Peking, Mr. Myron Brenan had been appointed in his place. A better selection than that of Mr. Dodgson could not have been made. There need be no surprise at the name of Mr. J. W. Jamieson, Commercial Attaché, not appearing on this list when it is remembered that his appointment is a peripatetic one and the Foreign Office could not well take him from his present duties to put him on a task which may occupy some months. The work of the Commission, we understand, will be the settlement of the specific, which are to take the place of the new *ad valorem* duties, and of the changes necessitated by Article XI of the Peace Protocol. This includes treaties of commerce and navigation, and commercial relations, and the schemes for the amelioration of the Peiho and Huangpu rivers.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Notes by the Way.
The U.S. flag-ship *Kearsage* left Nagasaki for Chefoo on the 20th inst.

Admiral Tiedge was expected at Shanghai on the *Mercury* on the 20th inst.

The first locomotive constructed in Japan has just been built at Osaka.

The French man-of-war *Le Front* arrived at Pagoda Anchorage, on Sunday the 15th inst.

The German steamer *Eden* left Foochow on the 21st inst. for Réunion via Saigon. She takes 700 coolies, a priest, an interpreter, a doctor and a comrade.

Captain C. H. McClellan, whose death at Shanghai is reported, took an active part against the Taping rebels in the early sixties, and was afterwards well known on the Yangtze and in the pilot service.

Mr P. F. Warner, the well-known Middlesex cricketer, has passed into the new Egyptian Civil Service organised by Lord Cromer. He goes out to Egypt early in the winter to take up his appointment.

Captain Mahlum, adviser to the Kobe Harbour Office, recently tendered his resignation, but the government refused to accept it. Captain Mahlum has now been transferred to the Harbour Office at Yokohama, in compliance with his own request.

Nine of the crew of the Japanese steamer *Tamami*, which left Ishimaki last February on an anti-luetic cruise, have been arrested by Russians near Robben Island, on suspicion of poaching. The men were sent to Vladivostok and 350 furs were confiscated.

Although no official announcement has yet been made, it is understood (says the *Foochow Echo*) that the Stewards of the Fuh-keen Race Club now see their way to arrange for a Winter Meeting. We trust that they may be successful. Another Foochow winter without a race meeting would be dull indeed.

The materials for the construction of the new Japanese cruiser *Tsushima* recently arrived at Kure from England, and building operations have just commenced at the shipbuilding yard belonging to the Admiralty there. When completed, the new third-class cruiser will be of 2,800 tons displacement, with a speed of 20 knots an hour.

The Chinese Court.
Latest reports to hand from an official source in the North state that the Court has definitely decided not to return to Peking for two years. It is the intention in the meanwhile to visit Kaifeng. This is authentic; it comes from Shanghai.

Supposed to be Drowned.

A Chinaman, aged about 50 years, employed at the Norddeutscher Lloyd Company's Godowns at Kennedytown, disappeared yesterday. He left the Godown to roll a cask from the bamboo wharf and was not seen again. The cask was afterwards found floating in the water, and it is supposed that he accidentally fell in with it and was drowned.

Li Hung-chang.

The Peking correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes:—Li Hung-chang has been seriously ill since the day he signed the Protocol. He really should not have ventured out that day, but he was determined to be present at the signing. He is now better, but very weak. He has sent for all his sons to come to him. The Manchus are getting back all the old methods of getting stipends, each one having some official appointment but doing nothing except wearing a red-tasseled hat.

The Chinese Customs.

A correspondent writes from Peking to the *N. C. Daily News*:—With the signing of the Protocol comes also the consideration of ways for issuing the Bonds, and collecting the first instalment. The transfer of salt revenue to the foreign Committee, and the transfer of the Native Customs to the Maritime Customs, will require some time to get into easy working order. Sir Robert Hart ought to be congratulated on keeping the Customs intact, instead of its being transferred to an International Bureau, and still more for increasing the scope and power of the Customs.

The Peking Legation Area.

Sir Robert Hart and his foreign staff are to be allowed inside the Legation area at Peking writes the correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News*. He is now building his own house on his former site, while the rest of what formed the Customs quarters now becomes part of the Italian Legation. The former site of the Italian Legation is transferred to the Customs, while a large plot of what was temple and Imperial property, between the Austrian and French barracks, is also transferred to the Customs. The Chinese who owned property within the Legation quarter wonder when they are to be compensated by their Government. So also foreign claimants wonder when their respective Governments will advance money to pay them off.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Population of Formosa.
According to the latest investigations made by the authorities, the population of Formosa is estimated at 2,753,131, including 23,120 who have settled there from Japan proper.

Japanese Torpedo Boat Destroyers.

Four torpedo destroyers are at present being constructed in England for the Japanese Navy, each of 310 tons displacement. They are to be named *Atsuta*, *Katsuta*, *Asakura*, and *Shikokuma*, and are expected to be completed early next year. Commanders Nakayama, Oshima, Horiochi, and Hamana, have been commissioned to bring home the above vessels.

Japanese Sugar Tax.

Although the sugar consumption tax, which is to be enforced on and after the 1st prox., is a part of the Inland Revenue, a branch revenue office for the transaction of all business pertaining to the tax will be opened at the Nagasaki Customs. Any person wishing to import sugar, molasses, or syrup must produce an application for the withdrawal of the same, and such form of application, to be made both in English and the vernacular, can be obtained at the said office. The application form (says the *Nagasaki Press*) will serve as the certificate of the payment of tax, the permit for withdrawal, and the proof to be produced for demanding from the Government reimbursement of the tax for sugar, molasses, or sugar exported, or furnishing materials to manufacture the same articles. The tax may be paid at the same time as the import duties are paid, thereby lessening the trouble to taxpayers.

Japanese Sugar Imports.

In anticipation of the enforcement of the sugar tax on and after the 1st of October, the importation of foreign sugar has been and is still being carried on in a very brisk manner. The total quantity imported into Japan during the last eight months amounted to 3,936,829 piculs, valued at 25,617,985 Yen. Below is given a table showing the comparative amounts of sugar imported into Japan during the past few years:—

Year.	Quantity.	Value.
	Piculs.	Yen.
1898.....	2,073,525	12,070,655
1899.....	1,453,139	9,181,211
1900.....	2,221,867	15,409,548
1901 (up to Aug.)	3,336,836	26,617,986

As will be seen from the above table, the figures for this year stand at the head of the list both in quantity and value, and consequently it is generally believed that the total figures for the whole of the current year will easily surpass all returns for the past thirty years. An influential trade paper published at Tokyo thinks that, as the result of such unprecedented importation, the quotation on sugar will greatly decrease for the time being, in consequence of which it is very probable that the sugar merchants will suffer a slight loss.

Tribute to the late Mr Francis.

The *N. C. Daily News* says:—Hongkong will be profoundly moved—as will many people in Shanghai and other places in the Far East—at the sudden news of the death of Mr John Joseph Francis, K.C. This occurred on Sunday at Yokohama, from apoplexy. Mr Francis had been for some time in failing health, and his trip to Japan was made in the hope of reinvigoration, unfortunately not realised. He was a career remarkable in many ways, but chiefly remarkable for the fine ability which won him the high position he held at his death. Mr Francis came out originally to the East quartermaster-sergeant in a British regiment. This was in the late fifties, for he was present at the taking of the Taku Forts in 1858. After this he left the army, and entered the office of Mr Gaskell, a solicitor in Hongkong, as an articled clerk. Thus he developed into a solicitor, and for some years practised in this capacity. Then he went home, entered Gray's Inn, and in 1876 was called to the Bar, so that he returned to the Crown Colony as a barrister. He practised as junior counsel for some years, and was finally made Q.C. In all this time he had taken the liveliest interest in the public life of Hongkong. He identified himself eagerly with all things affecting the welfare of the colony, and everywhere his clear, sound judgment, his remarkable acumen, made him a leading figure, and an important figure. He was for some time police Magistrate, and later he held for a certain period the office of Acting Police Judge. Perhaps in the departments of public life which lay outside his profession, he will be best remembered for his prominent connection with the Plague Commission—of which, if we remember rightly, he was President. Mr Francis was a very able and a very fluent speaker, and shone as much in an after dinner speech as in an address to the jury. He had been himself a place it will be practically impossible to fill.

NOTHING LIKE OIL.

IN dealing with man, remember that a spoonful of oil will go further than a gallon of vinegar. The same may be said of children. There is nothing so good for children as the old-fashioned castor oil. However much they abhor it, it is their best medicine for disorders of the bowels. In the most severe cases of diarrhoea and dysentery, however, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given after the oil operates, and a quick cure is sure to follow. For sale by All Dealers. WATKINS, Ltd., General Agents.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTERS SERVICE.]
SOUTH AFRICA.

The Enemy's Strength.

LONDON, 23rd September, 1901.
Boer officials on the Continent declare that the Cape rebels number 15,000. Commandant Botha's force is estimated at 2,900.

INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS.

The Harvard and Yale athletes have beaten the Oxford and Cambridge team at New York by six events to three.

GERMAN MINERS FOR CHINA.

Forty German miners engaged for the German mines in Shantung will sail for China on the 1st November.

THE SENTENCE ON CZOLGORZ.

Czolgorz, the murderer of President McKinley, has been sentenced to death by electrocution.

AMERICA AND THE BOERS.

The correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* at Washington states that President Roosevelt is determined to maintain a policy of absolute neutrality in connection with the Boer war, and that he will refuse to receive any Boer mission officially.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

REVENUE ABUSES.

Canton, September 23.

A member of the gentry is exerting himself to devise means whereby the rapacity of yamen runners may be restrained by granting them regular allowances and a fixed table of fees. The Viceroy has approved of the petition, and forbidden the runners extorting money.

After this eighth moon, no more offices will be sold, and only honest and capable men will be eligible for office when they have passed creditably the Examination!

DANGERS OF FOREIGN CLOTHES.

Chinese from abroad are very fond of dressing their children in a mongrel fashion, which, however, passes with the Chinese as foreign clothes. A family of this description recently settled in Canton. Not content with calling bad names, the children on the opposite side of the canal threw stones whenever these foreign-dressed children appeared outside of the door. The other day one of the children received a serious wound from one of these missiles, and the case came very near to ending fatally. The enraged father seized his gun, and set off to have his revenge. The bridge was some way off, and when he got to the house of the aggressors, he found the people had fled. He had to content himself by shooting his gun in the air. Word of this feat was conveyed to the family that had fled, and seeing their dangerous position, the same night they removed all their furniture to another district in Canton.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

The following in the Report for presentation to the Shareholders at the twentieth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the Offices of the General Agents, on Thursday, the 17th proximo:—The General Agents and Consulting Committee beg to submit to the Shareholders the Final Accounts for the year 1900 and an Estimate of the present year's working to the 30th ultimo.

1900 Account.—The result of the year's working is a credit balance of \$284,448.57, out of which, and with the approval of the Shareholders, it is proposed to pay a Dividend of 26 2/3 (=\$213 per Share), to add \$50,000 to the Reserve Fund raising the Reserve to \$1,200,000, and to carry forward the balance of \$24,448.57 to the current year's account.

1901 Account.—This Account shows an estimated balance at credit of \$59,591.

Consulting Committee.—Mr J. H. Lewis having resigned, Mr H. P. White was invited to and accepted the vacant seat. This appointment requires the confirmation of the Shareholders. The Hon. C. P. Chater, C.M.G., Messrs D. Gillies, P. Matland, D. M. Moses, and H. P. White retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs Fullerton Henderson and W. H. Ellis, whose re-election is recommended.

JARDINE MATHESON & Co.,
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Canton Insurance Office, Limited,
Hongkong, 23rd September, 1901.

Funeral of Major Little.

Great regret is felt in Tientsin at the death, after a short illness, of Major W. R. Little, Hongkong Regiment, whose funeral took place on the 14th inst. The Regiment assembled at 5 p.m. under Lieut.-Col. Rortolick. There were a large number of British officers, non-commissioned officers and men of duty present. The coffin, draped with the Union Jack, was placed on a gun carriage while the whole assemblage saluted. The cortege then left for the Cemetery, the band in the centre with draped instruments, and the regiment with reverent arms. On arrival the Rev. G. D. Ruff read the burial service. Inspector Bourne was in attendance with a posse of Municipal police, who lowered the coffin into the grave. Three volleys were fired, and buglers sounded the 'last post,' and an extremely impressive service was concluded. Amongst the wreaths were those sent by the Hongkong Regiment, the R.W.F. and the British Consulate.

Boy Panishable.—'Poverty's no crime, said the Job's comforter. 'May be so, but the poor man's' but it seems to be punishable by hard labour for life.

THE CHINA PONY AND HOW TO TRAIN HIM.

English, American, and Australian trainers of horses all have their own little ways of getting a horse fit; but these ways do not differ essentially, and may be briefly summed up as follows:—Treat the horse by long steady exercise for several weeks before galloping him at all, then give him fast work about twice a week, using the other mornings for long canter and half-pace gallops; never flag him when he is doing his best, as that is a sure way to break his courage and give him a thorough dread of his task. With an under-bred horse give him very little galloping, but plenty of trotting and cantering, as an under-bred animal will not stand winding up like a thoroughbred. Never gallop any horse against the watch except when he is thoroughly fit, and then do not flag or punish him or you will leave your race on the track. These are the fundamental rules of training for all animals except China ponies. With them a perfectly different system prevails; in fact to train a China pony you must do everything exactly contrary to what is done elsewhere.

To train a China pony the first requisites are a severe cutting whip and a stop watch. Armed with these weapons, you should go and buy a griffin pony at auction, and get him home by brute strength. A 'Mafco' or griffin should be secured to assist in this operation as the pony will probably attack a European as soon as he goes near him.

This conduct on the pony's part is caused (1) by the fact that he is only used to Chinese; (2) by his having some instinctive knowledge of the way he is going to be trained, and resenting it accordingly.

Having got him home, tell the Mafco in a light-hearted way to saddle him, and get on him. If he doesn't kill or maim the Mafco in this operation give him one day's exercise and then he is ready to be tried against the watch

